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RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims priority of French Patent Application No. 01/01512, filed February 5, 2001.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

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BACKGROUND

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Thus, it would be advantageous to resolve the disadvantages of the devices of the prior art by providing a pliable element that consumes low amounts of electricity and produces homogeneous, constant lighting. Another advantage would be to attain long life spans and small thicknesses on the order of 0.5 mm.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

This invention relates to a process for manufacturing an electroluminescent film including depositing on a pliable, transparent, nonconductive substrate a cord made of a resistive material to form at least one zone, depositing at least seven layers of an electroluminescent material on the resistive material and the cord to form a complex within the zone by alternating steps of coating and drying, and covering the complex within a pliable film.

This invention further relates to an electroluminescent element including a transparent plastic film on which is deposited at least one cord made of a resistive material delimiting a zone, at least seven layers of electroluminescent material deposited on the film and the cord to form an assembly within the zone, a pliable film forming a rear surface coated on the assembly, and an electrical connection connected to the conductive